



◆ Workers' Compensation Update from San

Antonio: At this year's OH meeting in San Antonio, the Agency Federal Workers' Compensation (FWC) claims processors, case managers, and COTRs convened for a one-day training session with [Department of Labor \(DOL\) Office of Workers Compensation](#) representatives and two internal afternoon breakout sessions. Chris and Tim Revenaugh from the DOL provided the lighthearted but very informative case management training session on July 7. The entire OH Meeting provided a great opportunity for everyone to finally meet face-to-face, share their case management trials and tribulations, and brainstorm ideas for standardizing the FWC Program across the Agency to reduce duplicative efforts and implement Center best practices. We are researching the possibility of conducting a similar session next year in Albuquerque.



◆ **EmbodyHealth Update:** The Mayo Clinic Strategic Consultant, Kurt Hobbs, has met with four NASA Centers, on individual basis, for a review of their Center-specific data and a discussion on improving employee engagement. After a brief period of evaluation, if this exercise proves beneficial to the participating Centers we will expand the offer to the remaining ten. On July 20th, a message was posted on the [EmbodyHealth portal](#) informing the employees of the August 12th portal upgrades. The portal will have improved functionality. The HPW team will be receiving training on the EmbodyHealth extranet on the following two dates/times: August 23, at 2 PM EDT and August 31, at 12 PM EDT. Attend either or both sessions to learn the process for posting Center specific articles on the EmbodyHealth portal. Walk to Wellness, an agency wide 28-day walking campaign, will commence on September 2. The enrollment period is September 1-20. Employees must register on the EmbodyHealth portal and enroll in the campaign in order to participate.



◆ **EHRS Project Update:** The next meeting of the Agency [Electronic Health Record System](#) (EHRS) Task Force is scheduled for Thursday, August 19. At the most recent meeting we reviewed the pros and cons of the MAEN (Medgate Automatic Email Notification), although the final decision is on hold pending input from Centers who were uncertain or missing from the Task Force meeting discussion. Decisions were made in the surveillance protocols to remove discretionary activities and questionnaires not legally required. The scheduling module was also a topic of discussion. The Centers were encouraged to think about their workflow processes so they could submit what rooms they need to have added in the base tables. Centers are also being sent a standardized Hearing Conservation Program questionnaire that was built in Medgate to be used across the Centers. The Centers input will be reviewed at the next EHRS Task Force meeting.

◆ **Welcome New OH Employees at Langley:** Kelly Cox is the new Fitness Program Manager at Langley with a BS in Exercise Science specializing in Worksite Health Promotion and Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation. She has been employed in the fitness industry for more than 11 years in such areas as managing a hospital-based Wellness and Fitness Center and serving on board the USS RONALD REAGAN. Adrienne Flinn is a new Fitness Specialist with a BS in Exercise Science, certified as a Strength and Conditioning Specialist, and a STOTT Pilates Reformer and Mat Instructor.

◆ **Radiation Safety Training:** Four 2-hour WebEx sessions will be held August 16-19 from 1-3 PM EDT to provide [RF safety training](#). The course will include a review of potential RF hazards and health effects, characteristics of sources and antenna systems, safety program approaches and survey equipment, and techniques for conducting measurements-including special averaging, and documentation of survey results. This course has been customized to address needs of the NASA RF safety community and will incorporate several NASA sources as examples.



◆ **Risk Communication Webinar:** A two part webinar on Risk Communication by [Dr. Susan Santos](#) of Focus Group Consulting will begin on August 18, 12:30-1:30 EDT. Understanding the principles and perceptions of risk are essential to good communication. Dr. Santos' consultation on the NASA Plum Brook Nuclear Reactor Decommissioning at GRC has been key to garnering community support throughout this project. Part two will take place September 22, 12:30-1:30.

◆ **55th Annual Meeting of the Health Physics Society Meeting:**

Five NASA health physicists attended the 55th Annual Meeting of the [Health Physics Society Meeting](#) June 26 – July 1 in Salt Lake City. This national meeting included technical presentations, panel discussions, and training on changes in the regulatory landscape, innovative radiation safety techniques, new research findings on radiological health effects and monitoring, as well as specific sessions devoted to emergency response. Pictured here are members of TEAM NASA after the early morning 5K Run: Chris Blasio, Randy Scott, Kurt Geber, Rod Nickell, and Eric Packard.



◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- August 9 - 13, Kennedy Space Center

◆ **Upcoming OH ViTS & Webinars:**

- Workers' Comp ViTS – August 12, 11:00-12:00 EDT
- EH ViTS – August 17, 3:00-4:00 EDT
- EHRS Taskforce Webinar – August 19, 11:30-12:30 EDT
- Fitness ViTS – August 19, 1:30-3:00 EDT
- Health Physics ViTS – August 25, 11:30-12:30 EDT

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